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## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

At the meeting of the County Commissioners held December 15th, a resolution was passed instructing the treasurer not to collect penalty on 1915 taxes until Feb. 1, 1916, as there is not sufficient time to notify taxpayers and get returns before that date, owing to late receipt of books, this being in accordance with a holding of the attorney general of date Nov. 25, 1914.

In the matter of complaint of Juan Ortiz that J. M. Abercrombie has fenced the road at Empe-drado leading to Anton Chico, the Board ordered the road opened at the place where it has always been, being nw qr sw qr 18-9-15, and that gates 60 feet wide be left in the fence.

Upon complaint of Epifanio Vigil that people owning land in sections 1 and 12-5-10 and 6 and 7-2-11 have closed the section lines, depriving complainant and others of access to their pasture lands in the forest reserve, the Board ordered section lines opened on township line between range 10 and 11 from the corners of sections 1 and 6 township 5, south 4 miles, and also the section lines west of the above mentioned in 2-10 from the north line south to the north boundary of Lincoln National Forest.

The matter of the creation of school district 45 was taken up and the commissioners ordered that the boundaries be changed from those originally set out, to the following: Beginning at the nw corner of 24-3-9, thence east 1 mile to ne corner 24-3-9, thence south 1 mile to se corner 24-3-9, thence east 4 miles to ne corner 27-3-10, thence south one-half mile, thence east one-half mile, thence south one-half mile, thence east one and one-half miles to ne corner 36-3-10, thence south 13 miles along range line to county line, thence west 6 miles to sw corner 31-1-10, thence north along range line 12 miles to ne corner 1-2-9, thence west 1 mile to ne corner 2-2-9, thence 3

miles north to place of beginning. The Board requests the Superintendent not to create any more school districts until the same have been approved by the Commissioners.

Relative to payments to be made to the Southern Structural Steel company for work on the jail, the representative of the company is advised that payments as specified in the contract cannot be made at this time as the inference was at the time the contract was awarded that work would not begin until after Jan. 1, 1916, but the clerk was ordered to issue a warrant on the court house and jail repair fund for \$400 as part payment, which warrant was issued.

Treasurer was instructed to issue draft in payment of interest on county indebtedness as usual. Adjourned subject to call of chairman.

## SHORTAGE OF GOVERNMENT VACCINE

During the last month the County Agent has been unable to secure vaccine either from the Albuquerque office or the office at Washington. The great demand for vaccine has exceeded that of any previous year and the Washington office finds itself literally swamped with applications. The Albuquerque office of the Bureau of Animal Industry has in an order for 60,000 doses and is experiencing considerable delay in getting the order filled. One thousand doses of this order will come direct to the County Agent at the earliest possible moment.

Dr. Snyder of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Albuquerque, New Mexico, advises that it is impossible to state or even approximate the date when this shipment will arrive. He suggests that those interested in vaccinating buy the vaccine on the open market. The commercial vaccine in pill form is entirely reliable and should be used during the period of shortage of government vaccine.

Perhaps you had better begin to practice writing it 1916.

## BIG INCREASE IN MINES OUTPUT

The output of New Mexico mines for eleven months of 1915, with an estimate for December, as reported by the United States Geological Survey, indicates a yield of \$1,500,000 in gold, 2,032,000 ounces of silver, 3,951,000 pounds of lead, 72,000,000 pounds of copper, and 24,640,000 pounds of zinc (in terms of spelter and zinc in zinc oxide), as compared with \$1,171,696 in gold, 1,777,445 ounces of silver, 1,763,641 pounds of lead, 59,307,925 pounds of copper, and 18,403,392 pounds of zinc, in 1914. These preliminary figures compiled by Charles W. Henderson show an increase of \$328,000 in gold, 255,000 ounces of silver, 2,186,000 pounds of lead, 12,674,000 pounds of copper, and 6,237,000 pounds of zinc. With higher values for metals, except for silver, the total value was \$18,274,000, against \$11,049,932 in 1914, an increase of \$7,226,660.

The Mogollon district, Socorro county, 80 miles from Silver City (Grant county), continued to be the most productive district in New Mexico in output of gold and silver. The production in 1915 was \$512,021 in gold and 1,319,460 ounces of silver, as compared with \$629,102 in gold and 1,410,327 ounces of silver in 1914.

Another important district was the Cochiti (Bland) district, Sandoval county, inactive from 1904 to 1914, but with a record from 1894 to 1904 of a production of \$695,000 in gold and \$345,000 in silver. The reopening of the mines and matte smelter of the Santa Fe Gold and Copper company, at San Pedro, Santa Fe county in May, 1915, added a considerable quantity of gold to the New Mexico yield. Increased shipments of gold-copper ores from the Jarilla district, Otero county, also contributed to the gold increase.

Copper has been an important metal in the production of New Mexico. The output from 1845 to 1910 was 92,323,163 pounds, and the total output to the end of 1915 was 318,027,798 pounds. Since 1910 the increased production was due principally to the activity of the Chino Copper Co., which mines with steam shovels a large acreage of low-grade copper deposits at Santa Rita and mills the ore at Hurley in a wet-concentration-flotation plant of five sections. During 1914 this plant treated 6,300 tons a day calculated on the actual running time, and in 1915 a larger daily tonnage was treated. The gross output in 1914 was 56,841,977 pounds. In 1915, the gross yield for the first three quarters was 48,733,648 pounds and the yield (partly estimated) for the fourth quarter was 20,641,000, a total for the year of about 69,375,000 pounds. During the third quarter an average of 7,504 tons a day was treated, the highest average treated by the mill since the beginning of operations. The yield of copper from the Lordsburg district was nearly doubled and Oro Grande also contributed an increased yield. The resumption of operations in May, 1915, of the Santa Fe Gold and Copper Co.'s mines and 125 ton matting plant at San Pedro, Santa Fe county (operated only one month in 1914), added a large quantity of copper to the output. The Burro Mountain Co.'s new 1000-ton mill in the Burro Mountain district, was operated only part of the time, but development of the mines continued on a large scale. A large tonnage of low-grade copper ore with calcite gangue was shipped from the Apache mine, Hachita. A considerable tonnage of copper ore was shipped from the Organ district, Dona Ana county.

C. L. Hatcher was up from Willard Tuesday.

## WHAT'S DOING ABOUT TOWN

Good top buggy for sale.—Mrs. Olive.

Mrs. E. L. Smith came up from Willard Tuesday.

Mrs. A. M. Parrett is on the sick list this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Bard returned Wednesday evening from Santa Fe.

For sale, matched team of unbroken 4-year-old horses.—J. J. Smith. 12-9-15

Fine Clothes.—For an up-to-date suit, and guaranteed fit, see S. N. Jensen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Peterson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Alter of Willard.

The Estancia school has no holiday vacation, so much time having been previously lost.

A brother of G. W. Patton, who has been visiting him here, departed Wednesday for Washington.

Joe Romero came down from Santa Fe the first of the week to spend the balance of the holiday vacation with his father.

Hays Bush, of Sterling, Colorado, came in Friday evening to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bush.

The boys at the railroad shops have been busy this week getting the new snow plow ready for action. No. 8 will carry it.

Jesse McGhee, who has been at Albuquerque for some time, came in Friday evening to spend Christmas with Estancia friends.

Miss Flossie Sanford of Santa Fe and Miss Anna Mae Flowers of Moriarty were callers at the Peterson home between trains Christmas day.

A number of people in and around Estancia report chickens dying. They die very suddenly, apparently without previous sickness. This is not a joke.

In this community at present the people who are not or who have not recently been suffering with colds or grip are decidedly in the minority.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Grimmell came back from El Paso Monday, and leave today for their new home at Gibson. We wish them all kinds of good fortune in their new home.

80 acres fine land 5 miles northeast of Mountainair. Well, windmill, good house, fenced and cross fenced. For sale cheap.—W. F. Martin, Mountainair, N. M.

For Sale, house and lots 17 and 18, block 42, Alta Vista addition. Anyone wanting to buy make cash offer. I want to sell. Address owner, A. J. Allen, Willis Point, Texas.

During the week of January 3rd to 8th the County Agent will attend the Short Course at the State College. Matters requiring attention will be taken care of by Mrs. Harwell, who can be reached by phone.

The heavy snow has prevented the meetings in the vicinity of McIntosh and Moriarty contemplated for this week. These meetings will be held as soon as Mr. Harwell returns from the Farmers' Short Course.

J. M. and Tom Cain have bought the motion picture outfit of Cap Church. For the present they are putting on shows Tuesday and Saturday nights. Later they will probably arrange to visit some of the other towns near by. Mr. and Mrs. Church have returned to their home in Colorado.

Farmers intending to take advantage of the Farmers' Short Course at the State College January 3rd to 8th will have but few more days to make definite arrangements for the trip. The Torrance county delegation will leave Willard and Mountainair on Saturday January 1st. The trip from Albuquerque to the college will be made during the day in order to inspect the Rio Grande valley as traversed by the railroad.

Van Lane returned last week from his Oklahoma trip. He reports everything flourishing in the parts visited by him.

Mrs. Mason has been quite sick with grip for the past ten days. She is better and able to be up today.

The meeting of the Yeomen to have been held last Monday was postponed, and will be held next Monday, Jan. 3, at Fred H. Ayers' office.

There are no new cases of scarlet fever. The George Brown family have been discharged from quarantine and are moving to the country today. The Forno and Grant families will be discharged in a few days.

Mr. Adkins, father of Mrs. E. L. Smith and Mrs. O. C. Manker, is visiting Mrs. Manker this week. He came with Mr. and Mrs. Smith when they returned from their recent visit in Kansas.

The first heavy snow of the season came Sunday night and Monday. It was nine inches at Estancia. Mail Carrier J. M. Wood tells us that it was sixteen inches in the foothills and three feet in the mountains. There was some wind on Tuesday, but the snow was not drifted badly except in a few places. Mr. Wood says the roads were badly drifted in the foothills, but between here and Tajique the snow was blown off the road. It is thawing to an extent that the snow bids fair to disappear in the valley.

To all our automobile patrons and everybody else: We trust you have had a merry Christmas and we wish you a happy, prosperous New Year. We desire to thank you one and all for the liberal patronage we have had during the past few months we have been doing business in the Estancia valley. It has far exceeded our expectations and we appreciate your interest in our business venture. Because of your interest and liberal patronage we are better prepared to give all automobile owners and prospective buyers the very best possible service during the coming year 1916. If one of your New Year resolutions is to buy a car, for pleasure or business, we will be pleased to help you make a selection of one most suited to your needs. We have in stock three makes best suited to the roads and conditions of New Mexico—the Ford, Dodge Bros. and Buick cars. We maintain a service station for the above mentioned cars, with parts in stock. No long wait for repair parts when needed. We have them. Again thanking all our motor patrons of 1915, we hope to retain you and add many more new ones to our 1916 list. Yours for Service, Valley Auto Co. Estancia, N. M.

Ft. Sumner, N. M., Dec. 27.—Dr. G. W. Bennett, a practicing physician here for the past two years, committed suicide while his wife was attending Sunday school by shooting himself in the head. The probable cause of his action was bad health and a feeling that his life was becoming a burden to others. Almost his last act was to write a note to his wife expressing love and affection. Dr. Bennett was born at Old Louisville, Arkansas, May 30, 1858—New Mexican.

Dr. Bennett formerly resided at Moriarty and McIntosh in this county.

## WATCH MEETING

The Epworth League will hold a watch night service in the Methodist church tomorrow night, December 31, beginning at 9 o'clock.

A program will be given between 9 and 10 o'clock. Between 10 and 11 o'clock a social hour when refreshments will be served free of charge. A collection will be taken.

Devotional exercises the last hour of the old year. The Pastor will give a short sermon. Everybody heartily invited to this watch night service.

The following is the program: 1. Singing by the congregation. 2. Prayer by Miss Annie Porter. 3. Scripture reading by the president, A. Booth. 4. Solo by Ruth Crawford. 5. Address by Mr. Kitchings. 6. Reading by Della Means. 7. Special music by a Quartette. 8. Address by Fred H. Ayers. 9. Singing by the congregation.

## THE WEATHER

We have been rather slack in reporting the weather during the past two months, but the fact is there has not been much weather to report, except to say that it was very fine.

According to the official record there was no snow in November, but .18 of an inch of rain on the 6th, and .30 on the 10th. The lowest temperatures were four above on the night of the 11th, 5 above on the 14th and 15th, 4 above on the 27th, and 6 above on the 28th. The highest temperature was 76 on the 1st. It was above 70 from the 1st to the 6th inclusive, and 60 or above on nine other days of the month. There were 28 clear days, and wind on nine days.

The record for December up to yesterday was as follows: One-half inch of snow on the 5th, 8 inches on the 26th, 1 inch on the 27th. The lowest temperature was 14 below on the 27th (meaning the night of the 26th). It was zero on the 1st, 9 above on the 18th, zero on the 19th, and 2 above on the 24th. The highest temperature was 64 on the 8th and 9th. It was 60 or above on 7 days during the month. There were 21 clear days and 5 windy days.

In November last year there was 13.4 inches of snow on the 30th. The lowest temperatures were 8 above on the 18th, and 10 above on the 19th. The highest temperature was 79 on the 6th. It was 60 or above on 17 days during the month. There was but one cloudy day—the 30th, and no wind except on the 16th, 17th and 30th.

In December last year there was 1-2 inch of snow on the 1st, 1-2 inches on the 7th, 1-2 inches on the 11th, 2-1-2 inches on the 18th, 4-3-4 inches on the 19th, 4-3-4 inches on the 24th. The lowest temperatures were 3 below on the 12th, 4 above on the 13th, 2 above on the 30th, 3 above on the 31st. The highest temperature was 50 on the 4th and 5th. It was 40 or above on 15 days during the month. There were 15 clear days during the month, and 10 windy days.

## PAY YOUR TAXES

The tax rolls will be in my hands and I will be ready to receive taxes on and after Monday, December 20th.

C. J. Amble, Treasurer and Collector.

For sale, 160 acres deeded land, 6 miles west of Stanley, N. M. Write Box 26, Alamogordo, N. M.

## Try Us

If you have not been trading with us during the year now drawing to a close, begin the New Year by giving us a trial. We will make every effort to please you, and believe we can succeed. Give us a chance.

## KEMP BROS.

## Thanks

We wish to thank the public for the liberal patronage given us during the year 1915. Your patronage is appreciated.

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## Estancia, New Mexico

## RELIGIO-SCIENTIFIC SKETCHES ON HUMAN PROGRESS



### THE FIRST DAY OR EPOCH

The Genesis account tells nothing about the formation of the Earth itself. It says, "In the beginning the Earth was—without form and void"—shapeless, empty. There were neither mountains nor valleys, trees nor shrubs, rivers nor oceans, but the Earth was. How long before that it had been created, is not stated. The account of the Days of Creation given in Genesis relates not to the construction of our globe, but to the ordering of it for human habitation.

There are various theories regarding its formation. We follow the one most closely harmonizing with the Bible. It is called the Vallian theory. It assumes that Saturn's rings and Jupiter's belts illustrate Earth's development as a planet.

The Earth was once molten, as indicated by the igneous rocks of the Aztec period; so called by scientists, but not discussed in the Bible. When the Earth was molten, its water and minerals were thrown off a great distance in gaseous form. As these cooled and took shape, they constituted great rings at a distance from the Earth.

Gradually the motion of the rings became different from that of the Earth in proportion to the distance from the center of gravity. These rings of water and mineral gradually approaching the Earth would be kept off by centrifugal force, particularly strong at the equator. The "brooding" of Holy Energy developed a light, probably resembling the Aurora Borealis—not sunlight. The Sun did not appear until the Fourth Day.

"Let there be light! and there was light." Thus, briefly, is summed up the result of the 7,000 years, styled the First Day. Not that God's Word would not have been sufficient for any miracle, but because He prefers to work out His glorious designs along natural lines.—Genesis 1:3.

There are scientists who claim that the Earth still has one ring about it, an electrical ring which, falling, will in a few years destroy fermentation, microbes and parasites, and greatly assist plant and animal life.